

One Hundred Eighth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the twentieth day of January, two thousand and four*

Concurrent Resolution

Whereas the Little League team East Boynton Beach, Florida, captured the Florida State and Southeastern United States Regional Championship to reach the Little League World Series in historic Williamsport, Pennsylvania;

Whereas more than 7,000 teams from around the world competed for the honor of reaching the Little League World Series, East Boynton Beach was among the 8 final American teams;

Whereas, on August 23, 2003, after competing against the best young baseball players in the Nation, East Boynton Beach defeated the team from Saugus, Massachusetts, by a score of 9–2 in the final game, thus capturing the United States Little League Championship title;

Whereas the team spirit and sportsmanship displayed by its roster of East Boynton Beach players Michael Broad, Richie DeJesus, Cody Emerson, Jordan Irene, Patrick Mullen, R.J. Neal, Matt Overton, Ricky Sabatino, Benny Townsend, Devon Travis, and Andrew Weaver set a new standard of excellence through team spirit and sportsmanship;

Whereas the coaching staff led by manager Kenny Emerson, assisted by coaches Joe Irene and Tony Travis not only taught these young men how to play top grade baseball on the field, but also taught them the best way to conduct themselves off the field;

Whereas national television commentators, sportswriters, and other media from around the world singled out East Boynton Beach for the way they joyfully played the game and the respect and friendship they showed to all opposing players from around the world; and

Whereas these Little League ambassadors from East Boynton Beach have honored their parents, families, teachers, friends, and the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, by their actions, demonstrating not only the best of Little League tradition but the best of America: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes the achievement of the Little League team East Boynton Beach, Florida, in winning the United States Little League Championship and congratulates them on this victory and on the example of excellence they set on the field and off the field;

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(2) expresses its pride that the 2003 East Boynton Beach team represents America as the 2003 United States Little League Champions and invites the players, coaches, parents, and other league and city officials to the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. to be honored;

(3) requests that the President recognize the national champions in their achievements; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to the City of Boynton Beach and the Boynton Beach Little League office for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each player and coach of the East Boynton Beach Little League baseball team.

Attest:

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Secretary of the Senate.